COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
STUDY SESSION
MINUTES

DATE: 5/9/05

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Perry Huston, Vice Chairman David Bowen, Commissioner Alan Crankovich

CDS STAFF PRESENT: Director Darryl Piercy, Assistant Director Allison Kimball, Administrative Assistant Mandy Motes

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DISCUSSION:  
1. Piercy continued with the comp plan update from last week. He brought with him a draft critical path and information to be utilized by CTED stating what elements need to be updated as far as compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA). Next step is to decide what we want to move forward on and what will not be part of the update. We will wind up with 6-12 items that need review as our comp plan addresses a lot of issue and not much is failing within the comp plan. However, conditions have probably changed such as population, housing etc. that need to be updated. Some processes the city is taking as far as the public is concerned, which is not things that we want to do also if the city is already covering them. Public process will first start with the Land Use elements. Status columns are completed and Piercy hopes to bring items to be opened up to the BOCC next week and then to the public process. Commissioner Huston does not want anything to do with the Joint Planning Commission meetings. Commissioners Bowen and Crankovich agree as they don’t see any value in it. Piercy would impose a specific timeframe for hearings and meetings then no decision, becomes a decision and will then go to the BOCC without a decision. BOCC agrees. Commissioner Huston asks how we will staff it. Piercy says himself, Allison Kimball, Jan Sharar and with the addition of the second
Planner II he doesn’t feel he needs a consultant. Commission Huston agrees as he doesn’t feel the consultant did the city any good. Commissioners Bowen and Crankovich agree. Commissioner Huston asks where we are with the CTED grant. Piercy says we should be getting at least $75,000. We will be working with Public Works in regards to things that they can help with and will be getting population numbers in July from the government. Populations are already established we just need to figure out where we want to fall. Commissioner Bowen said to talk to Lorna to figure out a meeting date with the Planning Commission. Piercy would like to figure out where the line is between Roslyn and Cle Elum. Commissioner Huston says the cities do need to be involved in some situations like common discussion of population and in regards to Urban Growth Areas (UGA’s). Commissioner Huston would rather the city pick and choose a few that they would like to weigh in on. He states that there are no clear definitions as far as “just outside the UGA” etc. The city has to absorb it at some point with the understanding they will finally draw some lines, if not he states that he will draw the lines. Commissioner Crankovich says he thinks there will be some opposition. Piercy would like to work with the city as far as whose zoning to use in the areas around the UGA. Those within 1 mile of the UGA become open space and then urban density with a chance of being redeveloped and creating an urban density. Need to have areas where they can expand, it is a good idea for long range planning with a kick off date in September.

2. Piercy stated that in regards to the Tri-County plan for Watershed Management, once it goes to the BOCC for implementation it becomes very regulatory, and once it is in the book it is no longer advisory. Piercy stated that if we go forward with this document it would cost a lot of money and we would need a person assigned to just this task. He is unsure if we can fix it, but can incorporate it into the comments. If it was an advisory type of document, we could evaluate under other umbrellas such as critical areas, shorelines, etc. No analysis has been done between in stream flow and groundwater use, the other deficiency is there is no base for the information. Once they start the in stream flow we are in big trouble. The total maximum daily loading (TMDL) is based on temperature which are a result of studies done on the Westside. Commissioner Huston states that the Conservation District said that the water temperature was the biggest problem in regards to correlation with lead. Piercy is willing to clean it up but Commission Huston is about done with them. BOCC says that they will just do it themselves. Commissioner Huston said that grant money gave all a competitive edge and if they all worked together they were more likely to get the money. BOCC will withdraw from working with the others. Commissioner Huston said they will begin informal discussion with the Department of Ecology, but they need some sort of guidance. Commissioner Bowen would like to know as he has a meeting 5/26/05. BOCC will put it on the agenda for 5/17/05.

3. On agenda, but was not discussed.

4. Piercy stated that we are taking the initiative to create a budget schedule to get the budget the way we would have liked it last fall. Kimball went
over the timeline as far as what we need to do and what we spent last year and questioned if Code Enforcement/Fire Marshall need to be separated. Piercy would like a budget that clearly defines our money spent. Commissioner Huston would like a fee adjustment hearing one week prior to the budget meeting and stated again that he wants revenue projections based on current fees and on fee increase. He wants good hard numbers. CDS needs to amend the budget as far as personnel goes and remember to make it zero-based.

5. In regards to land use application fees Piercy wants them to cover the cost of the application. An option would be a phasing plan so people don’t have to bite the increase all at once. Commissioner Huston said that the last board subsidized cost recovery; they just hadn’t got around to the land use applications and need to move away from subsidizing then with the general fund. We need to do a phase approach, so much this year, so much next year, etc. Commissioner Bowen and Commissioner Crankovich also like the phase approach. Piercy will come up with the fees and the board will pick the points in-between.

6. Piercy presented to the BOCC that he had been asked to be involved on the Cascade Land Conservancy. Piercy said that it would take place outside of his normal work week and may be interested as long as the mission stays working outside of the government and continues to be a group for the good. Commissioner Huston commented that he wouldn’t have much trouble with if it was anyone but Piercy he wouldn’t care but he will commented that it would but Piercy in a position that he would have to explain all of his decisions. Commissioner Huston says that it is Piercy’s call it is just a fine philosophical line. Commissioner Bowen doesn’t have any issues but agrees he would be answering a lot of questions. Commissioner Crankovich has no doubt Piercy could do it but would recommend that he doesn’t go join the group. Piercy stated that he is looking for ways to give back to the community but thinks that he will pass on this opportunity.

7. Piercy requested closing the office for the all staff meeting from 7:30-9:00 am on Wednesday, 5/11/05. Commissioner Huston says give it a try for a while, Commissioner Bowen and Commissioner Crankovich agree.

**ACTION:**

1. None
2. Put on 5/17/05 agenda
3. None, no discussion
4. Fee adjustment hearing one week prior to budget.
5. Piercy will bring fees to BOCC and they will create in-between fee points
6. BOCC would recommend against, but leave it up to Piercy.
7. Ok to close CDS for all staff meeting.